(ख) बिल, कालों की कुल संख्या (स्थानीय तथा एस.टी.डी. काल) के लिए जारी किए जाते हैं। शिकायतों की कुल संख्या जारी किए गए कुल बिलों की संख्या के 1 प्रतिशत से कम है।

(ग) आमतौर पर शिकायतें अधिक मीटरिंग से संबंधित होती हैं। कुछ शिकायतें कालों में बाधा उत्पन्न होने, दूरी के आधार पर प्रभारण आदि के संबंध में भी होती हैं। टेलीफोन बिलों की परिशुद्धता के लिए विभाग द्वारा पर्याप्त ध्यान रखा जा रहा है। लिपिकीय गलतियों तथा तकनीकी खराबी के कारण हुई गलतियों का पता लगने पर उनको ठीक कर दिया जाता है। मीटर रीडिंग के दौरान मीटर तेज चलने का पता लगने पर उस लाइन पर निगरानी रखी जाती है।

Theft of parcels fdom G.P.O. Jaipur

857. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the thefts of parcels containing precious stones and foreign currency worth several crores of Rupees from the foreign counter of G.P.O., Jaipur, if so, what are the details in this regard; and

(b) whether the mystary has been unravelled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) A theft of approximately 365 postal articles from Foreign Post, Jaipur GPO on the night of 17th/18th January, 1993 has been reported. While the liability of the Department of Posts, based on the insurance value/customs declaration is estimated to be in the range of Rs. 55-60 thousand, the local Customs authorities have estimated the value of the contants as about Rs. 92 lakhs.

(b) Investigations by the Department as well as by the Police have been taken up.

India's foreign exchange reserves

858. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI MUHTMMAD MASOOD KHAN:
SHRI SARADA MOHANTY:
SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:
SHRI SOM PAL:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA:
SHRI N. E. BALARAM:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is India's foreign exchange reserves as at the end of November, December, 1992 and January, 1993;

(b) what is the percentage increase in Forex reserves registered during the period from January 1992 to January, 1993; and

(c) the steps taken to build up Forex reserves during the period and what is the contribution towards increase in reserves made, item-wise, by virtue of each measure?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) The foreign exchange reserves (excluding Gold and Special Drawing Rights) at the end of November, December, 1992 and January, 1993 were Rs. 12,586 crores, Rs. 14,297 crores and Rs. 13,688 crores respectively.

(b) The percentage increase in foreign exchange reserves during the period January, 1992 to January, 1993 was 40.16 per cent.

(c) The steps initiated to build up foreign exchange reserves include effective implementation of the new system of Liberalised Exchange Rate Management, Liberalised Trade Policy regime, increased capital inflows both from bilateral and multilateral sources consistent with financial prudence and attracting

direct foreign investments. The level of reserves at a point of time are the net result of a large number of transactions in external sector. Hence it is not possible to determine the contribution made by individual items towards the increase in reserves.

Involvement of banks in funding of terrorist activities

859. SHRI ANANT RAM JAISWAL:
SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA:
SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA:
SHRI RAM GOPAL YADAV:
SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL:
SHRI ASHIS SEN:
SHRI MOTURU HANUMANTHA RAO:
SHRI E. BALANANDAN:
SHRIMATI SARLA MAHESHWARI:
SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether some banks including foreign banks are financing anti-Indian and terrorists activities through VESTRO accounts since 1991;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof indicating verious payments that have already been repatriated since 1991;

(c) whethr investigation by the Directorate of Enforcement and Reserve Bank of India have been initiated in the matter;

(d) if so, what are the details thereof;

(e) whether any remedial action has been taken on the issue against those banks which were responsible for such serious irregularities; and

(f) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. ABRAR AHMED): (a) to (f) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Seizure of psychotropic drugs by security forces

860. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the quantity of Hashish and other psychotropic drugs seized by Customs, Revenue and other police and security forces during the first 9 months of the year 1992-93;

(b) what are the comparative figures for 1991-92 and 1990-91; and

(c) what steps have been taken to effectively curb the smuggling of such drugs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRA SEKHAR MURTHY): (a) The quantity of Hashish and other narcotic drugs and psychltropic substances seized in the country by various drug law enforcement agencies in the first nine months of financial year 1992-93 (April-December) are as below:

Drug seized	Quantity in Kgs. (Provisiona
Hashish	5961
Heroin	823
Opium	1572
Morphine	28
Ganja	49351
Methaqualone	7068
Cocaine	0.420
Phenobarbital	54430 Tabs